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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Abhijit Bagde, Federal Programming (MS 82)

Dear Mr. Morales:

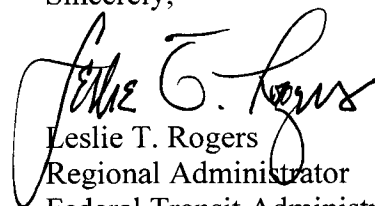
We have completed our review of the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment No. 1 submitted with your letter dated March 10, 2003. This amendment adds funds for Section 5311 bus operating expenses for two projects in Kings County into the FSTIP.

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this FSTIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed (40 CFR Sections 93.126 and/or 93.127).

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP Amendments dated March 8, 1996.

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of Amendment No. 1 into California's 2003/2004 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program with the understanding that FTA funding approval of projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements. Our approval is based on Caltran's assurance that the funding for these projects does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely,



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Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration

cc: Mr. Wade Hobbs, FHWA  
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